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# **36 DEMOCRATS VOTE AGAINST JOBS FOR FLORIDIANS**

*~Some House Democrats Care More About Class Warfare Than Creating Jobs~*

**TALLAHASSEE** - Voting against creating jobs at a time when Florida's unemployment is at historic highs, 36 House Democrats today voted to oppose economic incentives to help create jobs in Florida's marine industry. The legislation, House Bill (HB) 711 by Rep Tom Grady (R-Naples), encourages boat owners to register their boats in Florida. It passed the House 79 to 36.

"Helping to revitalize the marine industry is critical for Floridians at a time when we are working hard to help get Floridians back to work," stated Representative Grady. "Florida is losing jobs and critical revenue as boat buyers take their business to other states or foreign countries while Florida's boating industry suffers. This bill is a vital step toward keeping Florida's boating industry afloat in these tempestuous economic times, and I applaud my Republican and Democrat colleagues who supported this common sense measure."

Currently boat owners avoid paying taxes on their vessels by registering those boats offshore and in other states. Florida is recognized worldwide as a vital boating community and employs both individuals and small businesses in the crafting of marine vessels.

The bill now moves to the Senate.

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